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Quick Read

In General

Antwerp ring road rebuilt

The Antwerp ring road is being rebuilt as a two-year project. The direction toward the Netherlands is now under construction. It will be possible to again use the entire ring road Nov. 4-May 5, 2005. The direction toward Gent will be renewed May 5, 2005-Oct. 5, 2005. Through-traffic and traffic for the harbor can continue using the ring. Antwerp city traffic follows the Singel, the Antwerp inner city ring road. If you need to cross the city center, you are advised to take the Singel. Information is at www.werkenantwerpen.be. On the right top of the home page, there is a language option, "EN," to click if you want English.

Special election held

North Carolina has a special election in the First Congressional District July 20 to fill the remaining term of Congressman Frank Balance. Voters who are residents from the same district can request a ballot by submitting Federal Post Card Application SF-76. If you reside in the same district and have requested a July 20 primary absentee ballot, a special election ballot will automatically be sent. Access the FVAP website at www.fvap.gov and select Communicating with Your Elected Officials, then select "Who is my Representative?" Requests for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by July 13. Info: Maj. Bill Willis, DSN 361-5590.

Belgium

Speed limit lowered

The speed limit in front of Dept. of Public Works and Directorate of Logistics in Hangar 6 on Chièvres Air Base has been lowered to 30 kph, to increase safety of vehicles exiting the parking lot. New signs have been installed and the provost marshal office will conduct speed checks. Info: Rudy Magain, DSN 361-5561.

Netherlands and Germany

Construction affects traffic

The railway crossing on the Borgerweg leading into Schinnen Emma Mine Complex (SEMC) will be reconstructed and a detour will be in effect. The yellow detour sign "C" will direct to SEMC. The work is set for the night of July 11, 9 p.m., to July 12, 7 a.m.; and the weekend of July 23, 11 p.m., to July 26, 7 a.m. Visitors leaving SEMC will follow the detour signs "D" to the center of Schinnen and, if applicable, follow the detour signs "A" to the autobahn entrance in Nuth. Info: Hans Hoedemaekers, DSN 360-7447.

Commands change

Colors are passed in 80th Area Support Group, 254th Base Support Bn.

By Rick Haverinen

Two commands within the 80th Area Support Group welcomed new leaders in less than one week in June.

80th Area Support Group

Col. Timothy Quinn handed over command of the 80th Area Support Group to Col. Dean Nowowiejski in a ceremony June 22 in the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base.

Presiding officer for the ceremony was Russell Hall, who is Director of

Installation Management Agency, European Region.

Hall made several references to World War II in his remarks to the audience and Soldiers. One of the formations in the assembly area was veterans of the 5th Bn. of Belgian Fusiliers that volunteered to side with the Allies in the autumn of 1944. The Belgians fought with the 1st U.S. Army in the Battle of the Bulge and elsewhere to defeat the Third Reich.

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PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

Outgoing 80th Area Support Group commander Col. Timothy Quinn passes the ASG guidon to Russell Hall, Director of Installation Management Agency, Europe Region, June 22 on Chièvres Air Base. Hall next passed the guidon to incoming commander Col. Dean Nowowiejski, to Hall's left, who returned it to Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Rogers.



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

Outgoing 80th Area Support Group Commander Col. Timothy Quinn greeted well-wishers before the start of the change of command ceremony June 22.

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"World War II is never far from memory in this country that suffered so much," Hall said, "and I feel it is very fitting that we look to the future today with this new incoming commander – but with an eye to the past. For it was in this month, on June 6, 1944, that the Allies began their invasion on the beaches of Normandy. A little more than two weeks ago, the 60th anniversary of the landings were commemorated with tremendous... events with veterans of many different nationalities participating. Similar ceremonies will mark the historic events here throughout this year, and the closeness we share with the people of Belgium and The Netherlands will be noted once again."

Hall noted that both Quinn and Nowowiejski share an interest in military history, and that one of the incoming commander's recent assignments was as a history teacher at West Point.

"They are true descendents of the heritage of the Soldier who climbed the cliffs of Omaha (Beach) and those who fought beside the Fusiliers in the Ardennes," Hall said.

Hall praised Quinn's tenure as commander of the 80th ASG.

"Here in Belgium in the 80th

ASG, you will be well remembered for your commitment to the Soldiers and their families," Hall said.



PHOTO: Pascal Demeuldre

Jan Nowowiejski and Lt. Gen. William Ward, URAREUR Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, stand as the colors are retired.

"Your determination to look at every action from the customer's viewpoint has kept this community focused on service and quality."

Quinn paid tribute to the Soldiers and veterans on the assembly area, thanking Task Force Reaper Sentinel from Ohio for helping with force protection during their deployment. Quinn commented on the range of ages represented at the ceremony, all the way from 18 year-old Pvt. 2 Laurem Mendoza from the 80th ASG's provost marshal office, to Marcel D'Haese, national chairman of the 5th Bn. Belgian Fusiliers Association.

"He is the youngest at 79 years old," Quinn said. "They fought with the 1st U.S. Army at St. Vith and most importantly

they are veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in the city of Bastogne... They are noble reminders for all of us of what was the greatest generation in America. And they remind me of the greatest man I ever knew, my own father, Daniel John Quinn."

Quinn thanked U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Richard Tryon, executive officer to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, for his mentorship.

"After three years in command let me tell you what I've learned. First and foremost, I have learned that God's grace is truly limitless. Ruth and I are so thankful for the many blessings we have been given over the past three years. So many soldiers and families have given so much while we have been blessed to serve here in Belgium."

Quinn said he also learned the importance of NCO leadership as exemplified in Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Rogers and community leadership because, "I learned that there is no greater generosity than that found in the heart of volunteers in this community."

"And finally I know Soldiering is not a science, but a love. I have loved commanding the Soldiers and civilians in this command. And I thank all of you for serving your country and by doing so, you are ensuring a safe and free future for all."

Quinn promoted a construction campaign while commanding the 80th ASG. Chièvres Air Base now has a refurbished community activity center containing a library, gymnasium and weight room. A lighted exercise track and soldier barracks are now under construction and on the horizon are a hotel and community club. Quinn also devised the force protection campaign called P.A.U.S.E. for the 80th ASG.

Quinn's next assignment is Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Nowowiejski told the audience his priorities as 80th ASG commander will be force protection and safety.

"The year ahead offers us the unique historical opportunity to commemorate the 60th anniversary of a series of key (World War II) battles fought over the area of the 80th Area Support Group, and to remember the significance of liberation," Nowowiejski said. "It will be a time to renew the pledge of partnership that was forged in sacrifice six decades ago, as we fight a new global war on terror. The physical presence in formation today of the 5th Fusiliers is a reminder of that partnership. In that, NATO's efforts in Afghanistan, and our support to them, have a special place. The International Security Assistance Force and NATO Provincial Reconstruction Teams are a means to victory in the Global War on Terror."



PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

Col. Dean Nowowiejski, new commander of the 80th Area Support Group, presents his remarks at the June 22 change of command ceremony.

"The 80th Area Support Group will continue to build on the fine legacy that Tim and Ruth Quinn leave behind, a legacy that has significantly improved the quality of life of the American community here at SHAPE, at AFNORTH in Brunssum, and at NATO headquarters in Belgium."

Nowowiejski's last assignment was Chief, Commanding General's Initiatives Group, United States Army, Europe, and NATO Joint Headquarters Center.

He is a native of Wichita Falls, Texas. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1978 and he earned a master of arts degree in American history from Princeton University in 1987. He was awarded a master of military art and science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, in 1985, and a master of strategic studies degree from the Army War College in 2001.

Nowowiejski has served in armored cavalry and tank units in the U.S. and Germany in the 3rd Ar-

mored Cavalry Regiment and 1st Cavalry Div. He commanded the U.S. Army Southern California Recruiting Bn. 1998-2000. He then became the III Corps Deputy G3 for Plans and Exercises, and completed his tour at Fort Hood as the III Corps G3 in 2002.

His other assignments include Aide-de-Camp to the 3rd Armored Div. Commanding General, serving as a war planner for the 1st Cavalry Div. during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and then serving as the Secretary of the General Staff for the Division. He concluded an ex-

tended tour as a theater level war planner in Korea for the ROK-US Combined Forces Command 1995-1998.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He wears the Ranger Tab and Army Parachutist Badge.

Nowowiejski is married to the former Jan Smith, also of Wichita Falls, Texas. They have two daughters. Lauren Churchill, 24, is an elementary school teacher and Army wife. Morgan, 22, is a student at Blinn College in Texas. The family has been active for many years in chapel and local church activities. Nowowiejski's hobbies include American military history and military biography, as well as volksmarching.



PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

Members of the 5th Bn., Belgian Fusiliers were on hand to provide historical perspective to the ceremony.



PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

Daughter Marie and Ruth Quinn react as Col. Timothy Quinn thanks his family for their support while he commanded 80th Area Support Group.

254th Base Support Bn.

Lt. Col. Deborah Broughton relinquished command of the 80th ASG's subordinate 254th Base Support Bn. to Lt. Col. Richard Richardson in a ceremony June 17 on the sports field at the U.S. Army's Emma Mine Complex in Schinnen, The Netherlands.

Presiding officer for the ceremony was Col. Timothy Quinn, making the event one of his final official duties as commander of the 80th Area Support Group. Quinn passed command of the 80th ASG to Col. Dean Nowowiejski in a separate ceremony in Chièvres, Belgium June 22.

"Deb, you've done a superb job," Quinn said of Broughton at the June 17 ceremony in Schinnen. "Because of your inspirational leadership, the quality of



Quinn

life has dramatically improved for the nearly 6,500 American service members, DoD and State Department civilians and their families. You have been honest and forthright on what can, what could, and what will be done. And of all your attributes, Deb, you have unwavering optimism and an infectious laugh balanced with personal convictions to always do what is right. You had a vision of how the American support for this community should be, and through superb planning and then diligent work and steadfast determination, you fought and got it done."

Quinn thanked the 254th BSB's Command Sgt. Maj. John Gaines for "tremendous counsel to Lt. Col. Broughton. You are an exemplary CSM, non-commissioned officer and soldier."

Quinn noted that Broughton brought about more construction projects in the 254th BSB during her two-year tenure than had ever been done. Some of the projects include a new front gate, a renovated commissary and PX, a military police dog kennel, an improved bowling center, and an enclosed sports facility.

"Deb, your tireless devotion and tenacity were instrumental in where this community is today, and where it is going tomorrow," Quinn said. "Most importantly, all of these projects have been done without accident or injury, and your warm relationship with local dignitaries has been critical in weaving the U.S. community into a larger international community and the NATO community into yours."

Indicative of Broughton's relationship with surrounding civilian communities was the participation by the ceremony's first speaker, Schinnen Mayor Frans Beckers.

"Two years is too short to know everything about a place," Beckers told the audience at the ceremony, "but in that short time, you (Broughton) have invested very much in good relations between American people who live and work in Schinnen and our Dutch inhabitants."

Becker expressed gratitude that Broughton had made a mutual fire protection agreement between the city and the U.S. military base.

"I'm proud to stand here today," Broughton told the audience. "Upon assumption of command there were three things that I wanted to accomplish. First, proving that there was no 'I' in 'Team.' Only an 'E' for 'We,' and building a team of professionals. Second, I wanted to leave a legacy improving something within this command that will leave an everlasting impression in your heart, and on the minds of those that remain here years later after I depart. And

third, I wanted to be a positive example of leadership, capable of motivating people to excel. Today I have a personal sense of accomplishment. I don't have amnesia, and I don't want to forget that I stood proudly here today with-



PHOTO: Vanessa Thonnard, TASC Daumerie Caserne

Incoming commander of the 254th Base Support Bn., Lt. Col. Richard Richardson, accepts the unit guidon June 17 in Schinnen, The Netherlands, from Col. Timothy Quinn, as one of his last official duties before he relinquished command of 80th Area Support Group just four days later.

out the sweat and the tears of all of those who are assigned to the 254th Base Support Bn. Just like our motto, thank you for making every mission possible."

Broughton referred to successes in the BSB such as the new ecological park that protects several endangered spe-



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

Outgoing 254th BSB commander Lt. Col. Deborah Broughton greets well-wishers following the ceremony.

cies, a top-rated safety program, and hosting two USAREUR-wide sport championships.

Broughton said the 254th's host-nation employees "are the unsung heroes of this organization because you are the continuity. You see us come and go and you remain loyal to your oath to the queen to support the Americans."

"To the soldiers on the field today, we are small in number, but you do twice the work," Broughton said. "You wear the pride of a soldier. On line, the NCO creed, wear the badge of honor, and I would serve with you anywhere. For the U.S. employees, you're the best. You are what makes this battalion run a sharp group of talented professionals that hold the American and Dutch flags close to your heart and it's evident by the professionalism you display daily. Thanks for being a mainstay."

Broughton, the first female commander in the 254th's history, will move on to her next assignment in the Pentagon with the

Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, Force Development, managing military police and force protection systems.

"Soldiers, I'm glad to be in the land of my Dutch ancestors and I'm glad to be in an Army unit that has such a challenging mission," Richardson told the audience. "Lt. Col. Broughton and the 254th BSB have an incredible reputation and have accomplished their mission with superb distinction under her leadership. I feel honored to take her place, and I am deeply humbled to stand before such an excellent team of civilians and soldiers who make this the great community that it is. And as we have heard from Lt. Col. Broughton, relations between this battalion and the surrounding community have been exceptional. As the colors are passed to me, I am filled with a great sense of pride to join such a fine outfit. Over the next superb two years we will continue to serve our nation, our NATO allies and our host communities with distinction. And we will continue to always provide the very best service to those that we are entrusted to support. Schinnen and the 254th will continue to improve and grow as each of us contributes our energy and talents to the mission. This is going to continue to be a great place to live and to serve."

Richardson's last assignment was with V Corps Artillery. He joined the Army in 1984 and served in the 3rd Bn., 185th Armor, California Army National Guard, as

tank crewman. In 1986 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in armor and served as armor platoon leader. Following graduation from San Diego State University in 1987, he transitioned to the active duty Army as a field artillery officer.

Highlights of Richardson's career include assignments in Battery B, 2nd Bn., 32nd Field Artillery; 4th Bde., 4th Infantry Div.; Battery C, 10th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Div.; Operations Group, U.S. Army National Training Center; III Corps; 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery, 4th Inf. Div. He also served as deputy commander, CJTF-7 Joint Visitors Bureau during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Richardson holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from San Diego State University. He also holds a master of arts degree in information technology from Webster University, and a master of military arts and science degree from the Command and General Staff College. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Course, Joint Firepower Control Course, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Advanced Military Studies Program.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon, and Parachutist's Badge.

Richardson is married to the former Carmen Baker of Omaha, Nebraska. They have two children, Mckenzie, 7, and Cameryn, 4.



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

Broughton's father, retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Ernest Davis, attended the ceremony with Broughton's son, Marcus, 14.



PHOTO: Vanessa Thonnard, TASC Daumerie Caserne

About 70 pre-kindergarten students from AFNorth International School provided several songs to entertain the audience.

Fabulous



4th of July



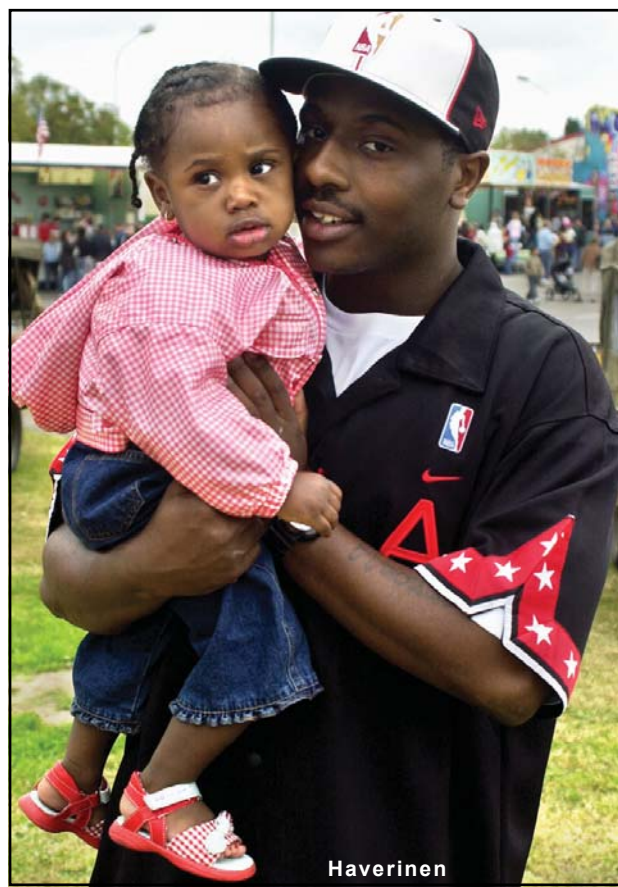
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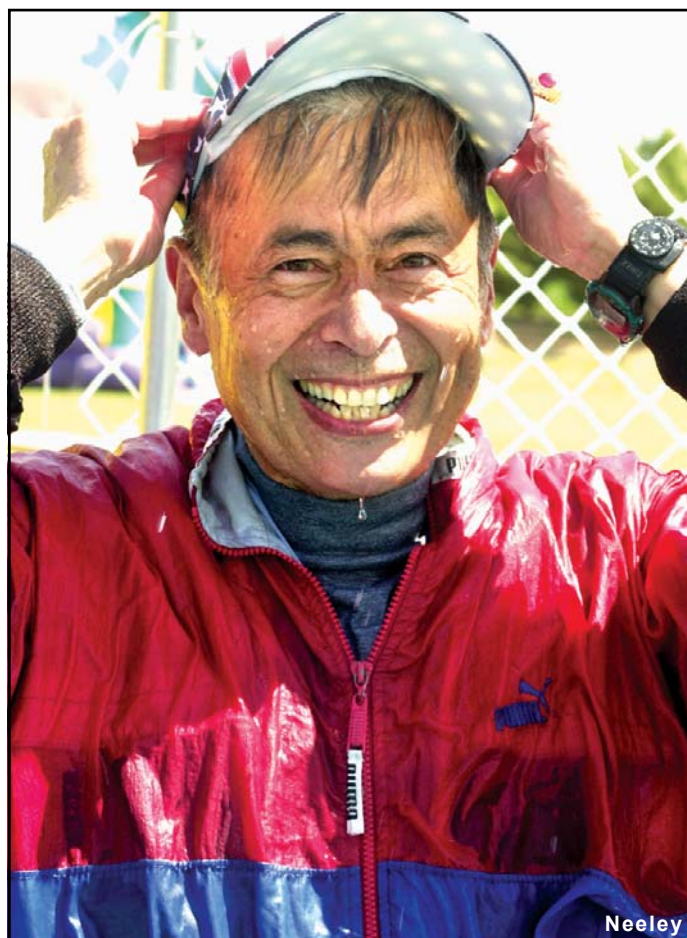
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celebrations for Independence Day in the United States were held July 3 at NATO Support Activity in Brussels, July 3-4 in Schinnen, the Netherlands, and July 4 on SHAPE. The photographers were Wayne Bardell in Schinnen, Dorothy Nevins and F. Neil Neeley in Brussels, and Rick Haverinen on SHAPE.



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Brussels Community Calendar

ACS (02 717-9783) Metro Madness class July 10, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and July 23, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Toddler play group every Tuesday and Thursday through Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m.-noon, CYS multi-purpose room; prenatal classes available on request, call 02 717-9684; contact ACS Financial Readiness Manager, 02 717-9698, for instructions regarding Belgian tax forms; call the ACS Relocation Readiness Program Manager at 02 717-9729 for sponsorship training; Newcomers briefing featuring key agency overview, July 27, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., NSA Bldg 3, command conference room; Newcomers briefing featuring hospital tour and general information about Belgium, July 28, 9:25 a.m.-12 p.m., ACS NSA Bldg 4; Newcomers briefing featuring local food store info, July 29, 9:30-11 a.m., ACS NSA Bldg 4; Call ACS by July 22 to sign up.

NSA Chapel (02 717-9708) Youth retreat for ages 13-19, July 19-25; Vacation Bible School for ages 3-12, July 26-30, 5:30-8:30 p.m., volunteers needed.

Outdoor Recreation (02 717-9775 or 0474 683-544) Delft Factory, The Hague and Scheveningen Beach July 10, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., price \$40 adults, \$33 children; Amsterdam July 17, price \$40 adults, \$33 children; Paris July 31, 5 a.m.-11 p.m., price \$40 adults,

\$33 children; Canterbury Aug. 7, 5 a.m.-11:00 p.m., price \$45 adults, \$39 children.

Three Star Lounge (02 717-9822 or 9819) Karaoke night July 16, 9 p.m.; Battle of the Services 8-ball pool tournament July 23, 9 p.m., \$5 entry fee; Cook your own steak night July 31, 7 p.m., \$10 for steak and two sides, call 02 717-9639 or 9732 for reservation by July 19; Right Arm Night Aug 6, 5 p.m.; Movie night with free popcorn every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Craft Center (02 717-9629) Cross-stitching Wednesday-Thursday, 6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.; jewelry making Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; adult basic ceramics Wednesday-Thursday, 2 p.m.; basic ceramics for adults and children Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.; basket weaving Wednesday-Thursday, 6 p.m.; wood shop power tool classes Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.; framing classes Thursdays, 2 and 6 p.m.; auto craft classes Wednesday and Thursday, 7 p.m. Call for more info or to sign up.

Sports and Fitness (02 717-9667) Adult softball league through Aug 7, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays starting at 10 a.m., BAS; adult softball league tournament play Aug. 9-13, Brussels American School.

NSA Youth Sports (02 717-9649) Youth soccer and flag football coaches needed; youth soccer and



FILE PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

SNAP wants you

The Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program (SNAP) and the 80th ASG PMO present "National Night Out Celebration - A Block Party Against Crime," tentatively scheduled for August 28 or September 11. SNAP is looking for community organizations interested in participating and/or having a booth at the event. SNAP is also looking for volunteers, face painters, and a DJ. The event will be held at the CAC on Chièvres Air Base. Events include a BBQ pit with food and refreshments sponsored by the commissary, information and demonstration booths from various organizations, activities for children, raffle give-away, McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog, music and K-9 Unit demonstration. Info: Marcia DeVille, SNAP Program Coordinator, DSN 361-6143 or 068 27 6143. Or email Marcia.DeVille@benelux.army.mil or SNAP@benelux.army.mil. In the photo at left, Hannah Smith, 3, had fun with a SNAP balloon at the last Night Out event on Aug. 29.



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flag football registration now through July 31, co-ed soccer \$30 for youth 5-15 years, co-ed flag football \$35 for youth 9-14 years, practices start Aug. 23 at BAS; Bitty Booters Start Smart Soccer for 3-4 year olds, \$30 includes soccer balls, shin guards, cones, jersey and parent manual, choose Wednesday session, 1:30-2:30 p.m. or Saturday session, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; high school football coaches needed for two-week August camp.

Child and Youth Services (02 717-9665) Summer Camp through Aug. 13, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Library (02 717-9705) Story Time for 3-6 year olds every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.; Summer reading program for 6-12 year olds through Aug 7; New library hours, Monday closed, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 2-7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m.

Consignment Shop (02 717-9724) Open Wednesdays and Fridays only, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., through Aug. 31.

NSA Food Court (02 717-9789) New hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday

7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Installation Volunteer Coordinator (02 717-9679) If you have time on your hands, want to do something different and help the community at the same time, become a volunteer for one of our many DCA facilities, programs or special events. You can learn a new skill, help kids, work with computers or teach an art class and put it on your resume.

For more information about events happening in the Brussels community, visit www.brussels.army.mil.

SHAPE and Chièvres Community Calendar

Job offered - The University of Phoenix seeks a part-time representative for the SHAPE/NATO Support Activity Education Centers. Ideal candidates will have a bachelor's degree, strong customer service skills, attention to detail, and knowledge of military and educational environments. Send resume to patricia.busque@phoenix.edu.

Entertainment Update - Salsa dance classes are every Monday at the IC Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., sign up with Cesar and Salina; Adult acting classes will resume in late Aug.; Children's Theater Classes start this fall by popular demand, Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-9 and Fridays, 4-5:30 p.m., ages 9-15. Students over 15 may attend adult acting classes with a parent's permission. Auditions are the first week of Sept. for the SHAPE children's play, "Knighly Dreams." Look for more details Aug. 28 at Fun Fest; One-Act Play Festival auditions are the week of Aug. 9-12 in the evening. Details will be finalized in July; Auditions for the SHAPE Players comedy and musical are in Dec. this year rather than Jan. 2005; Fun Fest 2004 - We are looking for talent to fill time slots on the locals stage.

Please contact Jacque no later than July 15 at DSN 423-3312 about performing.

BOSS activities - BOSS Meeting July 15, 1:30-3 p.m., in SHAPE Community Activity Center conference room, Info: Staff Sgt. Angela Houston, DSN 423-4561; Trip to Six Flags, Holland July 17. Info: James Brown, DSN 366-6272; Trip to the water park in Tournai July 31. Transportation costs Euro 10 for single service members and Euro 15 for everyone else. Deadline is July 19 to sign up and pay at Daumerie Caserne, Building 18 or if you are on SHAPE, please see your unit BOSS representative. Info: Spec. Abril-Quintana, DSN 361-5377.

Infant Massage Classes, July 15, 22, and 29, 11 a.m.-noon, SHAPE Health Facility. Info: Fiona Webster, DSN 423-3321.

Cultural Adaptation Trip to Brussels July 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Take the Train to Brussels July 30, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Both meet at ACS, Building 318. Info, Veronique Hensgens, DSN 423-5324.

Prime Time Lounge, Daumerie Caserne - Country Night July 10, 8:30 p.m.; Volleyball tourney, July 11, 7 p.m., Info: Kristyn Facchini, DSN 361-5540

Job opportunities briefing July 14, 21, and 28, 9 a.m.-noon, SHAPE/Chièvres ACS, Building 318, pre-registration is required. Info: Pina Artale, DSN 423-4904.

Story Time at the library, Chièvres Air Base, July 15, 22, and 29, 4:30-5 p.m. Info: Jackie Goldfarb, DSN 361-5767.

Rendez-Vous with French language, July 20, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Hotel Maisieres. Info: Christine Genard, DSN 423-7598 or DSN 366-6252.

80th ASG Unit Level Softball Championship is July 24, starting at 9 a.m. Info: Harry Geesaman, DSN 361-5589.

Defense Messaging System class, July 27, time TBA, UATP classroom in Building 8 on Daumerie Caserne. To enroll access <https://www.uatp.hqusaer.army.mil>. Info: Steve Dalby, GSM 0497 33 20 23, or email Steve.Dalby@Training.hqusaer.army.mil.

American Red Cross, SHAPE, DSN 423-4008 or 065 44-4008, email RedCross@Benelux.Army.Mil - CPR/FA classes provide training in cardiac, choking and respiratory emergencies for adults, children and infants. Available July 31, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Aug. 10-11, 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Aug. 21, 8:30

a.m.-6 p.m.; Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. *First Aid / CPR/AED Instructor* trains candidates to conduct American Red Cross CPR, AED, First Aid and Workplace Wellness courses, meets July 19-21 and July 26-28, 5:30-9:30 p.m. *Babysitter's Training*, meets Aug. 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Aug. 24-26, 4-6 p.m.; Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sept. 21-23, 4-6 p.m. *Life Guard Training* is a comprehensive course that prepares participants for the rigors of lifeguarding, meets July 13-16, 5-9 p.m. and July 17-18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. *Life Guard Instructor course* provides training to individuals who wish to train new lifeguards, meets July 22-23, 5-9 p.m. and July 24-25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Pet First Aid* program teaches effective actions that will safeguard an injured pet, meets July 10, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and July 29, 4-8 p.m. *HIV/AIDS Awareness and Instructor Training* give critical information about this epidemic and how to prevent it. Please contact the Red Cross office, meetings TBA. "Together We Prepare" is a lifesaving presentation, available upon request, filled with information on preparing for disasters. Info: contact the Red Cross office in building 318.

254th BSB Local Calendar

Read ravenously - Summer Reading Program through Aug. 31 at the BookMark. See Patty, Karyn or Kim.

Job offered - Anrews FCU is hiring a manager at Schinnen, requires a bachelor's degree in business, finance or a related field and three-five years experience in a retail branch. Info: DSN 360-7508, 046 443-2966 or stop by.

Army Community Service, Schinnen, Building 39 - Schinnen playgroup for toddlers, July 15,

22, and 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Schinnen Sports Center; *Infant massage class*, July 20, 10 a.m., Schinnen ACS conference room; *OB orientation/prenatal education class*, Jul 20, 10 a.m.-noon, GK Clinic conference room; *Breastfeeding support group*, July 28, 10 a.m., Schinnen ACS conference room. Info: DSN 360-7500 or 046 443-7367.

Library, AFNorth, Building 201 - Summer Reading Program now Aug. 15 for school age children.

Register at the library, read books and receive a variety of prizes. Preschool children, ages 3 and older, may earn prizes by having books read to them. Info: DSN: 364-2469 or 045 526-2469.

Schinnen Fitness and Sports, Schinnen Sports Center, Building 38 - Taebo/kickboxing every Monday and Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Step Aerobics every Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m.; and Body Balance on Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. Info: DSN 360-7561 or 046 443-7561.

Youth Services, AFNorth, Building H603 - Summer Camp is in full swing with morning and afternoon sessions, field trips at additional fee. Hours and costs are: daily morning camp sessions run Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., \$7.50 per day or weekly rate is \$37.50; daily afternoon camp sessions, Monday-Friday, 1-6 p.m., are no cost. Youth in grades 6-8 must be registered as YS members. Info: DSN 364-3595 or 045 526-3595. **Tax Relief Office**, Schinnen,

Building 46 - TRO is available for all U.S. military and U.S. civilian ID card holders stationed in Belgium, Germany, and The Netherlands for purchasing German VAT forms. Dutch VAT for authorized personnel stationed and living in The Netherlands. Info: DSN 360-1780 or 046 443-7178.

MWR BOSS Office, Treebeek Education Center, Room 114: July 15 and 22, BOSS meeting, 2 p.m. Info: DSN: 364-6141 or 045 563-6141.

D-Day 60th a success for USAREUR

14 June 2004
60th Anniversary of D-Day Execution
A Tribute to Soldiers and Civilians
of USAREUR

1. We just completed executing the 60th Anniversary of D-Day! The event was incredible and effectively honored our WWII Vets, while ensuring world leaders had the right forum to express their appreciation for freeing the world of tyranny. For the over one thousand USAREUR Soldiers and civilians who made this event successful, your accomplishments showed thousands of American, British, Canadian, and French veterans how very special they really are. You made every one of them feel like the heroes. At the same time, your work in taking care of these veterans gave them and millions of others around the world a glimpse of how special you are. I am very, very proud of each and every one of you.

2. Using the work done in preparation for the 50th anniversary as a model, you planned flawlessly. But even with that model you had to do much more in less time than was done 10 years ago. Making

this achievement even more impressive was your having to plan and execute this mission throughout various phases of deployment, redeployment, reintegration, and reconstitution activities in support



PHOTO: Cis Spook
USAREUR Commanding General Gen. B. B. Bell visits the drop zone at St. Mère Eglise in Normandy June 5.

of Operation Iraqi Freedom while we are a nation at war.

3. I would like to give special thanks to the servicemembers and civilians of the fol-

lowing units for their outstanding contributions in making the 60th anniversary a memorable success:

11ID, 41ID, 291ID, 82d Abn Div, 101st Abn Div, MDW Joint Color Guard, 508th PIR, 75th Ranger Regt, 44th Mil History Det, USNAVEUR, USAFE, V Corps, USASSETAF, 5th Sig Cmd, 7ATC, 7th ARCOM, 266th FINCOM, USACCE, 200th TSC MMC, 69th ADA Bde, 173d Abn Bde, 2d Sig Bde, VISE Media, 5-7 ADA, 6-52 ADA, 1-214 Avn Regt, 1-27 FA Bn, 565th Engr Bn, 39th Sig Bn, 43d Sig Bn, 44th Sig Bn, 52d Sig Bn, 69th Sig Bn, 102d Sig Bn, 509th Sig Bn, 212th MASH, 529th MP Co, 212th MP Co, USAREUR and V Corps Bands, USAREUR G1, USAREUR G2, USAREUR G3, USAREUR G4, USAREUR G6, USAREUR G8, USAREUR OCPA, USAREUR OJA, USAREUR OPM.

4. There were so many units involved, that I hope I have not missed any. If I did, I apologize and thank you also. Your tireless

efforts led to an unforgettable commemoration, especially for the veterans who experienced your care and professionalism. They will forever remember what you did, whether you merely escorted them to their seats or just listened to their stories. You have collectively set the standard for the 70th anniversary when others will look back at your efforts as the right standard.

5. The veterans of D-day are known as the "Greatest Generation" for leading the first wave in the struggle to liberate Europe in the 20th century. History will remember you—the Soldiers, civilians, and family members who are ridding the world of the scourge of terrorism, as the Greatest Generation of the 21st century. Again, thank you for continuing to execute with excellence, Any Mission, Anywhere!

B. B. BELL
General, USA
Commanding

IMA Europe NCO of the Year hails from 80th ASG

Installation Management Agency, Europe named Staff Sgt. John Thompson of the 80th Area Support Group as its first Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year on June 25.

Thompson is an MP desk sergeant in the provost marshal's office on Chièvres Air Base.

The agency announced the same day it selected Spec. Ulysses Stewart of the 26th Area Support Group as its Soldier of the Year.

A board of seven command sergeants major and senior NCOs from other agencies, headed by Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King of Headquarters, IMA-E, met June 23-25 to select the winners.

Six nominees were evaluated, based on an Army physical fitness test, land navigation skills, weapons qualifications and knowledge of numerous military subjects.

Each winner will receive several awards for their accomplishments to include a framed director's note and coin from the HQs IMA-E Region Director, a framed two-star note from Headquarters IMA, a \$250 check from AUSA, a \$200 Savings



Thompson

Bond from USAA, a \$100 Savings Bond from MWR Europe and a holiday get-away from SATO, Heidelberg.

The other nominees competing were: Spec. William Strayer and Sgt. Noel Schwandt, both of 6th ASG; Staff Sgt. Niya Harris of 100th ASG; and Staff Sgt. Gabriel Disbrow of 415th Base Support Bn., 26th ASG.

The winners will represent IMA-E in the first IMA competition to be conducted July 11-15, at Fort A. P. Hill, Va.

Thompson is a native of Port Lavaca, Texas, and has been in the Army eight years. Prior to his assignment in the 80th ASG, he served most of his time with line units in Germany and Stateside. Thompson wants to complete a career with the Army and then become a teacher.

Geilenkirchen Local Calendar

Youth activities –
Teen Double feature night at Euroscop Cinema in Maasmechelen, Belgium July 9. Cost is Euro 10 for two movies and transportation. Coach leaves at 7 p.m. from the car park across from the high school and returns at 1:15 a.m. Registration and payments at GK Building 82 Monday-Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Everyone age 13-18 is welcome. *Missoula Children's Theater* (MCT) August 2-7. MCT is a full drama experience for youth

& teens 5-18 years old. Drama professionals guide children through every element required in presenting a polished play. Children will learn about make-up, settings, and of course acting. Cost is Euro15. There is space available for fifty children to participate as performers and as assistant directors. Auditions are Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-noon. All children auditioning are required to stay until noon. No early sign-up required. This year's performance will be the "Jungle Book". Show date is August 7. *Olympic Spirit Fitness Program* Aug. 9-12. Catching the spirit of the Ath-

ens' Olympics, this very special four-day clinic will be conducted by Olympic athletes and coaches. Youth 5-18 will learn the fundamentals of track and field; leadership; nutrition, and fair play. Youth will compete in a variety of track and field events. The clinic runs four days and includes t-shirts, ribbons and snacks. Cost is Euro 10. Sign up at Geilenkirchen Building 82. Info: 49 2451-632216.

Each of these great summer experiences is for children with parents assigned to the Tri-Border bases or nearby.

Infant massage class, July 15, 3-5 p.m., at

Geilenkirchen Family Support Center. Infant massage can enhance parent and child bonding, improve circulation and immune system, relieve colic, reduce stress relieve teething and growing pains. Info: Mary Jo Rooney, 31 45 563-6126

Pre-Natal Education class. July 13, 10 a.m.-noon, in the clinic conference room at Geilenkirchen. Presenters will include breastfeeding educator; GK family nurse; WIC representative; Tri-Care representative and childbirth educator. Info or registration: New Parent Education and Support Program, DSN 360-7335 or 31 46 443-7335.

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Elaborate lodge in Garmisch nears opening



By Corey Henderson

With less than three months until the opening of AFRC's newest resort on September 15, the entire Edel-

weiss Lodge and Resort organization continues to prepare a very special destination for service members and their families.

An average \$1,000,000 worth of work takes place per week during the last construction phase.

Contractors have placed a complex pattern of stone floor tiles in the hotel entrance that will lead the first guests into the lobby, which boasts a three-story chimney of chiseled stone pieces, distressed timber support columns and the relaxing flow of a waterfall behind the front desk.

"The fact that our timeline is completely on schedule heightens our excitement for opening day," said Richard LeBrun, general manager.

Crews carefully embellish each of the 330 guest rooms with natural wood furniture, specially-designed lighting units and frames for large, comfortable mattresses.

While the construction of the hotel facility in Garmisch, Germany is important, perhaps the most important preparation comes with developing a culture of higher expectations in customer service. To create a team of empowered staff members, Edelweiss has begun training all employees on how to give optimal customer service, specifically with the new resort services in mind.

"We want to make sure that all service members are aware of the unique experience that Edelweiss Lodge and Resort will offer," said sales director, Terry Hodges.

Service members, DOD civilians, retirees and their families can reserve their chance to see AFRC's newest property, Edelweiss Lodge and Resort with the new online reservation system at www.afrcurope.com or by calling the Vacation Planning Center at DSN 440-2850 or 49 8821 729127.

Henderson is the AFRC marketing and public relations specialist.

Grueling work leads to all-Army hoop success

By F. Neil Neeley

Spec. Anthony Doyle was nominated, selected, and made the All-Army Men's 2004 basketball team. Doyle went to the states for six weeks to play basketball for the Army. The all Army team went undefeated and won the 2004 Armed Forces Men's Basketball Championships in Charleston, S.C., May 24-30.

A communications specialist at Regional Signal Group, SHAPE, this was Doyle's second try at making the team. His first attempt in 2002 led to him being cut. This time, he was among 30 hopefuls from Army bases all over the world who reported for two weeks of grueling rounds of basketball at Ft. Carson, Colo. Since there are only 11 men on a basketball team, somebody had to go home disappointed. This time it wasn't Doyle.

"When we first got there they tried to weed out anybody that wasn't in shape or in condition or not really serious about basketball," Doyle said. "We were going two or three times a day for two-hour practices. It was real tough in that high altitude but actually it helped us out in the end."

Doyle explained that the high altitude and constant practice helped condition the players for tournament play.

The candidates were constantly playing basketball and their skill was always under

scrutiny.

"We'd wake up in the morning and go to practice about 8-10 a.m. and then we'd eat lunch and go back to practice from 2-4 p.m. and then go eat dinner and back to practice until 8 p.m.," Doyle said. "That's a lot of basketball."

The tryout camp lasted about two weeks. Once the composition of the team had been set there was still more work to be done. Preparation for the armed forces tournament took another two weeks.

"This time we were preparing for the tournament so it was practicing and getting in sync with each other," Doyle said. "They scheduled about six games during the time we were there so we'd be in game situations. We played different teams around Colorado. One of them was the Air Force Academy Prep School and the Colorado Springs All-Star team followed by a trip to Denver to play an all-star team there."

Ready to go, Doyle's team traveled on to Charleston A.F.B., S.C. for the tournament. There they faced an unexpected opponent that could have knocked them out of the tournament. Three of their players, including two of their starters, came down with a serious case of food poisoning just before their first game.

"They were hospitalized for the entire

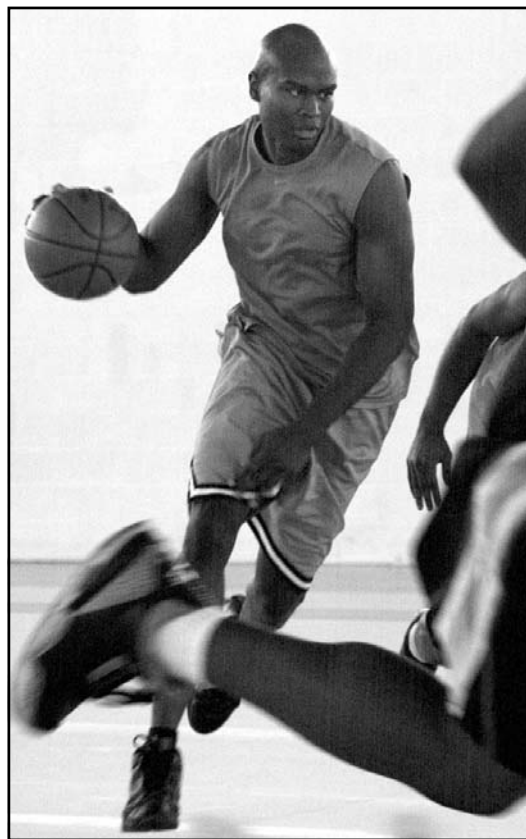


PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

Spec. Anthony Doyle moves the ball in an informal game June 26 on Chièvres Air Base.

tournament," Doyle said. "We think they got it from the banquet the night before. In the end it didn't matter. We just rolled with the

punches. We actually played very well against Navy. We beat them by 23 points in that game with only eight players."

The game with Navy was followed by a round robin where the teams played each other twice.

"Whoever had the best record got the gold and second best won the silver," Doyle said. "If two teams were to tie they went head-to-head and were judged on how they did against each other and the point differential. Then the officials decided who won."

The all-Army team played one team every day for six days straight. "We finished 6-0. It's a feat that hasn't been done in a very long time," said Doyle. "We still don't know how long it's been since a team has been undefeated in a tournament. We think that is been over twenty years."

Doyle took away more than a gold medal from the tournament. He came away with a feeling of pride and camaraderie. "It's a big accomplishment that we had," he said. "It was good to get to know the ten other guys and the coaching staff. We became a family over a short time. Our closeness helped us in the end. We depended on each other and were able to trust each other on and off the court."

Installation access in Schinnen becoming more high-tech

By Capt. Jayson Spangler

The Installation Access Control System (IACS) has arrived in the 254th Base Support Bn. Security personnel in Schinnen and Treebeek have started operating IACS on a transitional basis and the system will go fully active July 21.

IACS is a system being implemented across DOD installations in Europe to increase our security by closely monitoring who's allowed on our installations. Anyone authorized access to the installation must register in the system. Once registered, the information is entered into the IACS database allowing entry into military installations throughout Europe.

As you present your ID card to the gate personnel, they will scan it with a reader, similar to having groceries scanned at a commissary. The scanner will read information on your ID card and a computer will respond, telling the guards whether

or not you are allowed on the post.

The two-week transition period began July 7. During this time, all authorized personnel will be able to enter the installations with two forms of ID, even if they are not yet registered with IACS. Guards at Schinnen will manually input required data based on military ID or drivers licenses and then allow that person access to the post. In practice, this process is more cumbersome than being registered in the system. If traffic flows get too heavy, manual input will be stopped and guards will allow personnel on with two forms of ID.



After the two-week transition period is over on July 21, personnel entering Schinnen or Treebeek who are not registered in the IACS database will have to be manually input into the IACS system every time they enter the post. Non-U.S. ID cardholders and non U.S. NATO Soldiers will not be allowed access until they register with IACS. After registration, U.S. Soldiers and family members can sign in up to four visitors.

Registration is easy and certainly faster than waiting while guards input your information every time you enter the post. If the majority of people register before July 21, the long lines should be greatly reduced.

As provost marshal, I strongly suggest that all personnel who are authorized access to Schinnen and Treebeek register in the IACS database no later than July 21. This can be done at the Schinnen Provost Marshal's Office (PMO), Building 2, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon. The PMO is on the right just after entering the main gate.

Spangler is 254th BSB provost marshal.